

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
May 21, 2013

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order and Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

All members are present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Mull announced that C.J. Davis with Four County had something come up that prevented him from attending the meeting. Mr. Davis would like to be put on the June agenda to come in and update the Council on exciting news for the county.

MINUTES

Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS/TRANSFERS

LOGAN STAMPING

Jim Tidd, MCEDA introduced Mr. Robert Baker, President and CEO of Logan Stamping. Mr. Baker has expanded his business and recently purchased the former L & M Stamping building in Miami County. Mr. Tidd further explained that Logan Stamping is requesting a 5-year forgivable loan for \$90,000.00. The loan would be to relocate and purchase new equipment as well as make improvements to the former L & M Stamping building. The stipulation of the 5-year forgivable loan would be as follows:

- Investment of a minimum of \$1.1 million in building and equipment
- Maintain at least 10 full-time positions with an average wage of \$12.50 or higher
- Maintain at least 15 part-time positions with an average wage of \$8.50-9.50

Each year Logan Stamping would be required to provide compliance documentation with 1 year of the loan being forgiven (\$18,000.00 per year). If Logan Stamping fails to maintain their compliance, the county has the option to require repayment for each year of non-compliance.

Mr. Baker gave some history of the company and explained the areas in which they specialize as well as the plans to move the Huntington facility to Miami County. Mr. Baker explained that some equipment has already been moved and the forgivable loan would be to purchase new equipment and for improvements to the building. Mr. Baker feels like this location offers expansion possibilities and a good fit for the county.

Councilman McAuliffe questioned if this would be considered an abatement and if forgivable loans had been done in the past. Council President Duckwall noted that the total amount is not going to be used solely for new equipment and therefore, would not qualify for an abatement. President Duckwall went on to note that these types of loans were done in the past.

Mr. Baker noted that there was a correction that needed to be made to the business name. It was listed in the forgivable loan agreement as Logan Stamping, but the actual name is LSI Metal Fabrication.

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve and have President Duckwall sign the forgivable loan agreement after the correction to the business name has been corrected. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

CAD SYSTEM

Cliff Gardner, 9-1-1 Director and Sheriff Tim Miller came before Council regarding the new CAD (Computer Assisted Dispatch) System that was presented at the April Council meeting. Sheriff Miller noted that Spillman had originally quoted \$66,601 for years 2-5 and no more than a 5% increase for years 6-10 towards the cost of the yearly maintenance agreement. After the last meeting, a competitor company, New World, came back with a lower maintenance agreement cost in which Spillman then lowered their maintenance agreement to \$55,000 for years 2-5 and no more than a 5% increase for years 6-10.

Mr. Gardner stated that Peru City has appropriated money for a portion of the 1st year maintenance agreement. Mr. Gardner also explained the need for the new system and that last week the system was down and they were dispatching with pen and paper. This causes serious public safety issues.

Sheriff Miller explained that 9-1-1, Sheriff's Dept., Jail, and Peru City will all be utilizing the system and the cost includes mobile units in the Sheriff cars.

Councilman McAuliffe requested that it be noted in the minutes that this system is not a necessity and that Rainy Day and Riverboat Funds were to be used for emergency purposes only and he does not feel that this is an emergency. Councilman McAuliffe also stated that both the Miami County Recorder and Treasurer voiced their complaints to him regarding the spending of money on this project and their concerns of depleting these funds and the issue of the other office's needs.

Councilman Boyer stated that he was worried about the current fund balances in county general and the insurance fund. Commissioner Francis addressed the concern and stated that we were waiting on settlement and that the option of using the Riverboat and Rainy Day Funds, in addition to Public Safety was a way to solve the issue of funding the new system.

Councilman Wiles noted that at the April meeting the Council specifically asked that the Board of Commissioners, President Duckwall, and Jane Lilley all meet to help find a way to come up with the funds necessary. Councilman Wiles felt confident that they took the time to do what was asked of them and found a way to fund the system.

Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from Public Safety for \$116,000.00. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from Riverboat for \$254,000.00. Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from Rainy Day for \$100,000.00. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 5-2.

SURVEYOR CORNERSTONE PERPETUATION

Surveyor, Gregg Wilkinson requested an additional appropriation of \$9,500.00 from the Surveyor Cornerstone Perpetuation to be used to GPS 100 section corners and buy 100-monument makers that need replaced. Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from Surveyor Cornerstone Perpetuation. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0-1 with 1 abstention from Councilman McAuliffe.

COUNCIL ACTION

CLERK

Clerk Tawna Leffel updated the Council on her request from April to add a position in the Clerk, county general budget. Ms. Leffel explained that it is really a matter of moving money around between her county general budget and incentive funds. Ms. Leffel has incentive money that can

only be used for the purpose of child support enforcement. Ms. Leffel would be splitting the current salary of the ISETS Clerk with the new position in her county general budget and funding the remainder of the 2 salaries from her incentive funds. Ms. Leffel spoke to the Board of Commissioners after the April Council meeting to get their approval and is now coming back to get the final approval as requested by the Council. Commissioner Francis explained that Ms. Leffel has agreed to pay more towards her CSI contracts to help offset any medical claim costs that could result in the approval of the position. Ms. Leffel will also reimburse county general for the medical premiums that are estimated for those employees as well. Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve the full-time employment in the Clerk's Office for the Float/ISETS position. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE

None

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

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